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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
Roger A.G. Sharpe, Clerk

COMPLAINT  
(PLAINTIVE)

STEVEN BAWERS

VS

CAUSE NO. 3:20-cv-205-RLY-MPB

(DEFENDANTS)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

SGT Feller

Sheriff DAVID WEDDING

A.) PARTIES

1.) PLAINTIFF is a citizen of Indiana, and is located at 3500 N. HARLEN AVENUE, EVANSTON, IN 47711

2.) DEFENDANTS

1) INDIANA Department of correction, 302 Washington Street  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

2) SHERIFF DAVID WEDDING, 3500 N HARLEN AVENUE,  
EVANSTON, IN 47711

3.) SARGENT Feller, 3500 N. HARLEN AVENUE, EVANSTON,  
IN 47711

### B) STATEMENT OF CLAIM

ON OR ABOUT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2020 I THE PLAINTIFF; STEVEN W. BOWERS REQUESTED THAT THE VANDENBURGH COUNTY JAIL SUPPLY ME WITH A KOSHER MEAL THAT MEETS (KASHRUT LAW) THIS IS THE LAW THAT DETERMINES THE STANDARD FOR KOSHER FOOD/DISH. ABOUT A WEEK LATER THEY PLACED ME ON A (ALSO OVER DIET (NOT KOSHER) THEY JUST CHANGED IT TO KOSHER. THIS JAIL DOES NOT HAVE A KOSHER KITCHEN (OR) KOSHER OVER COUNTERS, ETC. THEREFORE THERE IS NO WAY TO PROVIDE A KOSHER MEAL WITH OUT CROSS CONTAMINITY, KOSHER FOOD WITH UNKOSHER FOOD. SGT FELLER JUST INSTRUCTS THE KITCHEN TO WRITE A KOSHER CAPLE.

I AM SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. I HAVE WRITTEN THEM, THE SHERIFF DAVID WEDDING, AND SGT FELLER TELL ME I REQUIRE A KOSHER MEAL BUT I STILL AM NOT RECEIVING A FULL CLEAN KOSHER MEAL THEY HAVE AN INSTRUCTION (OR) THAT IS TO PROVIDE A KOSHER MEAL. ON ABOUT THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, I SPOKE TO SGT FELLER IN THE D.O.T ROOM OF A-3. I ASKED HIM TO HAVE ME SENT TO PRISON (OR) A D.O.C. HOLD SINCE THIS IS NOT A D.O.C. HOLDING FACILITY AND I HAVE AND AM SENTENCED TO IN.D.O.C. SGT FELLER TOLD ME AND (I HAVE INCLUDED A WITNESS STATEMENT) THAT BECAUSE OF MY JEWISH RELIGION & WORLD STANDING THE VANDENBURGH COUNTY JAIL WHICH IS NOT A D.O.C. HOLD OVER. THIS IS DISCRIMINATORI-

Complaint

I wrote the D.O.C. at 302 Washington Street in Indianapolis, IN and informed them that I am Jewish, not receiving a KOSHER meal, and sentenced to THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION. I also wrote SENATOR David Weller on the kiosk.

This place is not capable of providing a KOSHER meal on extended sentences. I have been to Putnamville Correctional Institute 3 times because of my Kosher diet and am not being housed where I can have a Kosher meal.

I am not receiving a KOSHER meal that meets KASHRUT laws. I am being held and discriminated against because of my Jewish Religion.

C. JURISDICTION

I am suing for a violation of federal law under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

OR

I am suing under state law. The state citizenship of the plaintiff(s) is (are) different from the state citizenship of every defendant, and the amount of money at stake in this case (not counting interest and costs) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

D. RELIEF WANTED

Describe what you want the court to do if you win your lawsuit. Examples may include an award of money or an order telling defendants to do something or stop doing something.

I am now requesting that I be moved to a  
prison on facility that has a KOSHER kitchen I  
Am requesting that WADENBURG COUNTY JAIL  
Builds a KOSHER kitchen I Am requesting  
\$350,000 dollars in U.S. currency for  
RECEIPT

E. JURY DEMAND



Jury Demand - I want a jury to hear my case

OR



Court Trial - I want a judge to hear my case

Dated this 28 day of August 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



Signature of Plaintiff



Plaintiff's Prisoner ID Number

3500 N. HAWLEY AVENUE

EVANSVILLE, IN 47711

(Mailing Address of Plaintiff)

(If more than one plaintiff, use another piece of paper).

**REQUEST TO PROCEED IN DISTRICT COURT WITHOUT PREPAYING THE  
FILING FEE**



I DO request that I be allowed to file this complaint without paying the filing fee. I have completed a request to proceed in the district court without prepaying the fee and attached it to the complaint.



I DO NOT request that I be allowed to file this complaint without prepaying the filing fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, and I have included the full filing fee with this complaint.